

MINUTES
of the
TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
Northeast Mississippi Session
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST

**Convened With Pearce's Chapel Church
on October 2nd and 3rd, 1958**



The next session will meet with the Springdale Free Will Baptist Church, near Oxford, Miss., on old Highway No. 6 on Thursday and Friday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1959.

MINUTES

The 24th Annual Session of the Northeast Mississippi Free Will Baptist Association met with the Pierce Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on Thursday and Friday before the first Sunday in October 1958. The Association was opened with the Rev. Paul Kettaman, Moderator presiding, and Rev. Luther Gibson, as Clerk in his place.

Opened with song led by Bro. D. Hollis, "What a friend we have in Jesus." The Devotions by the Rev. Wilburn Beasley, using John 15 as Scripture, speaking on "Abiding in Christ". A very timely message.

The Rev. M. L. Hollis, as host Pastor, extended to us a very warm and hearty welcome. Response given by Rev. Luther Gibson.

The Rev. L. D. Gibson was appointed as reading Clerk. Letters were read from all churches except Stedson Chapel. Motion made and carried that delegates be seated.

Rev. Malone Cobb, Rev. L. E. Winters and family from Alabama. Rev. Homer Willis, Rev. McDonald, Nashville, Tenn. Mr. and Mrs. Burgess from The Free Will Baptist Children Home, Greenville, Tenn. Rev. Joe Fort from the Free Will Baptist Press, Adyen, North Carolina were welcomed as visitors in our midst.

Moderator appointed the following on committee on committees; Rev. M. L. Hollis, Rev. Wayne Yarbrough, Rev. W. O. Knight.

Rev. Paul Kettaman gave his message addressing his remarks to the delegates to the body, using as a Scripture Gal. 3:26; 24-26; 6:7-8.

After an adjournment from business Rev. Malone Cobb led in prayer. A short recess was observed and meeting was called together by moderator.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The Committee on Committees reported as follows:

RESOLUTIONS: L. E. Duncan, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Troy Brown.

CREDENTIALS: Rev. Wilburn Beasley, Rev. Hearnest Ownsby, Rev. M. H. Hollis.

TEMPERANCE: Rev. L. D. Gibson, W. L. Hodges, Mrs. Boyd Jones.

LADIES AUXILIARY: Mrs. L. D. Gibson, Mrs. Clyde Jones, Mrs. Blanche Pennington, Mrs. W. C. Comer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Mr. C. R. Hollis, Mrs. Hershell Stone, Mrs. Wilburn Beasley, Mrs. Troy Brown, Mrs. Earnest Galloway.

FINANCE: Mr. W. C. Comer, Mr. D. D. Hollis, Mrs. R. C. Pickle, Mrs. Gladys Starnes, Mr. W. L. Bevil.

LEAGUE: Mrs. Joe Duncan, Mrs. Opal Stenbridge, Mrs. Jean Brasfield, Mrs. Elfie Hawkins.

OBITUARY: Mr. Ned Nanney, Mrs. Hopson Walden, Mrs. Hazel Bedford, Miss Glenda Hodges.

Motion was made and carried that this report be accepted as a partial report of committee on committees.

The morning worship service was begun by the singing of hymn "Lift Him Up", led by Bro. D. Hollis. Rev. M. L. Hollis introduced Rev. Flenoy Clark who delivered the introductory message, using as a text Matt. 3:11; Eph. 5:17, 18. His subject, "The greatest need of the Church". The message was a challenge to our hearts to a greater service in the church of the Lord Jesus.

Closing song was led by Rev. M. H. Hollis, "Trust and Obey". Rev. Homer Willis was called on to offer the benediction.

During the lunch hour the Ladies of the host church served a very delicious meal, a happy time of feasting and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with a song led by Mr. D. Hollis. The devotions were conducted by Rev. Wayne Yarbrough, who read from II Tim. 3rd. Chapter, who made a good talk.

REPORT FROM CHILDREN'S HOMES

Rev. L. E. Winters represented the Children's Home of Eldridge, Alabama and presented to the Association the needs of the Home.

M. H. C. Burgess of the Children's Home in Greenville, Tenn., represented the Home in Tenn., to the Association and their needs. Pray for these two Homes and their needs.

REPORT OF THE BIBLE COLLEGE

Bro. B. McDonald, Treasurer of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn. made a timely report concerning the Bible College, and presented the need of Christian Education among Free Will Baptist.

REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS

Rev. Joe Fort of the Ayden Press of Ayden, North Carolina gave a report of the Press and the contribution it is making through Christian Literature to the Demonination. Bro. Fort also included in his report how the Press came into existance and how that it is operated.

After a short recess the following reports were made.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

The Ladies Auxiliary made their report to the Association. The motion was made and carried that the report be adopted.

We the Auxiliary Committee, wish to report seven Auxiliaries with 144 members. We recommend that we help churches with no Auxiliary to organize one and that our Pastors encourage each woman of the church to belong to the Auxiliary and work for the cause of Christ. We also urge each Auxiliary to participate in raising our state quota of \$250.00 for our National project. This project is the building of a home for our Missionaries in Japan. We recommend that each Auxiliary organize a Y. P. A. and G. T. A. We urge each Auxiliary to send in their report to the Woman's Auxiliary District Convention next May in order that they may be included in the report to the Northeast Miss. Association.

Respectively submitted,
Mrs. Gibson
Mrs. Pennington
Mrs. Brown
Mrs. W. C. Comer

DISTRICT AND YEARLY REPORT OF LADIES AUXILIARY RECORDING SECRETARY

This report is the responsibility of the local recording secretary. The local recording secretary complies her report form the regular Individual Monthly Report made by the Local Auxiliary members and send a copy to the District recording secretary ten days before the District Auxiliary Convention.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

PRESIDENT: Mrs. Kimble Crosley, Columbus, Mississippi.

TREASURER: Mrs. Elgin Parker, Saltillo, Mississippi.

DELEGATES: Mrs. L. E. Duncan, East Tupelo, Miss.; Mrs. Hilma Marlin, East Tupelo, Miss.; Mrs. Hodson Waldon, Columbus, Miss.

Number of Auxiliaries reporting, (3) Amount sent per captia to the Treasurer (30c).

No. "A-1" Standard Auxiliaries. No. "B" No. "C".

I. Enlistment Departments:

1. Enrollment at beginning of quarter 58; present enrollment 60.

2. Number of new members 9; Number lost 7; Average Attendance 37.

II. Youth Departments:

1. No. Youth Organizations: GTA 3; YPA 3.

2. Total Membership: GTA 31; YPA 28.

3. Number Stewardship Declamation Contests held 2.

4. Number of Vacation Bible Schools assisted in 2.

5. Number of active Church Libraries 1.

6. Number of Bible School Students assisted 8.

7. Other Activities.

III. Study Course Department:

Courses Conducted and Attendance, 4 Missions 41; 3 Stewardship 21; 2 Manual 24; 1 Evangelism 12; 2 Prayer 23; Reading Circles; Number Daily Bible Readers 23.

IV. Program-Prayer Departments.

1. Number special Programs held 3.

2. Number Weeks of Prayer held 8.

3. Total amount Self-Denial Offering resulting from weeks of Prayer \$44.09.

4. Total number family Altars 25.

5. Total Members observing Prayer Fellowship 8.

V. Personal Service Departments:

1. Number Making Soul Winning efforts 19.

2. Number Souls won 4.

3. Number Active in Community Missions 35.

4. Total Value of all contributions to Children's Home \$592.95.

VI. Publicity Department:

1. No. Subscribers to FWB Papers 39.

2. Number articles written for publication 6.

3. Other publicity work, Posters to advertise meetings, notices in bulletin.

VII. Personal Gifts: (Gifts through other channels)

Special Offerings: Missions \$235.76; Free Will Baptist Bible College \$266.32; Children's Home \$105.07.

Superannuation, Other, Local Recording Secretary.

District Recording Secretary, Mrs. Jolly Winders, Address, Box No. 631, Tupelo, Miss.

Chapters read 11,458.

Sick visits made 1,109.

Get Well Cards Mailed 902.

Trays carried 69.

Gifts to the Needy 672.

BEECH SPRINGS: Canned 54 gallon of tomato juice for the Alabama orphanage, valued at \$56.00.

THE DISTRICT: sent canned goods valued at \$83.93 to the Alabama Orphanage.

BEECH SPRINGS: made 25 garments for girls and 20 for boys for Orphanage.

COLUMBUS: gave 15 lb fruit cake to the Alabama Orphanage at Thanksgiving.

COLUMBUS: gave sheet blankets to the Alabama Orphanage.

COLUMBUS: gave each of the Miley Family a gift at Christmas. Each of the Auxilaries help to furnish a room at the Alabama Orphanage.

EAST TUPELO: gave \$60.00 to the Bible College.

EAST TUPELO: gave \$60.00 to the Morganwood Camp.

MINISTERS REPORTS

The following Ministers made their report to the Association:

Rev. Wayne Yarbrough, Rev. W. O. Knight, Rev. Ernest Ownby, Rev. Paul Kettaman, Rev. Luther Gibson, Rev. W. F. Clark, Rev. G. C. Price, and Rev. Wilburn Beasley.

REV. WAYNE YARBROUGH

Greetings: The North Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Pearce Chapel Church on the 2nd and 3rd day of Oct., 1958.

It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my years work ending on the 30th day of Sept., 1958.

I have preached 125 Sermons: Prayed many prayers; visited many sick; Baptized 7 Converts; Received 9 people into churches; Pastored two churches; Conducted 1 funeral.

Received for my years work \$2,018.82. Traveled 12,970 miles.

Respectfully submitted

Wayne Yarbrough.

REV. W. O. KNIGHT

Greetings: To the North East Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Pearce Chapel Church on the 2 and 3 day of October, 1958.

It is with true thankfulness to God that I am able to make the following report of my years work ending the 30th day of Sept., 1958. I have preached 105 sermons, Prayed many prayers, visited many sick, Baptized 17 converts, received 19 into churches, Helped ordain 2 Ministers, Pastored 2 churches, Conducted 4 funerals. Received \$1,878.65 for years work, traveled 7,849 miles.

Respectfully submitted

Rev. W. O. Knight.

REV. ERNEST OWNBY

Greetings: To the North Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Pearce Chapel Church on the 2nd and 3rd day of October, 1958. It is with true thankfulness to God that I am able to make the following report of my years work ending on the 30th day of Sept., 1958. I have preached 89 sermons, Prayed many prayers, visited many sick people, baptized 4 converts, received

9 people into churches, pastored 1 church, conducted 2 funerals. Received from church pastored \$1064.65. Received from revival work \$79.40. Total received \$1,144.05. Traveled 8,420 miles.

Respectfully submitted.

Rev. Ernest Ownby

REV. PAUL KETTEMAN

Greetings to the Northeast Mississippi association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Pearce Chapel church on the 2nd and 3rd day of October, 1958. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my year's work, ending the 30th day of Sept., 1958.

I have preached 220 sermons; prayed many prayers; visited many sick people; baptized 12 converts; received 6 people into churches; helped ordain 2 ministers; pastored 1 church; conducted 4 funerals. Received from churches pastored \$3600.00. Received \$350.00 for revival work. Total received for year \$3950.00. Traveled 18,000 miles.

Respectfully submitted

Paul Ketteman

REV. LUTHER GIBSON

Greetings to the Northeast Mississippi association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Pearce Chapel church on the 2nd and 3rd day of October, 1958. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my year's work ending the 30th day of Sept., 1958.

I have preached 206 sermons; prayed many prayers; visited many sick people; baptized 14 converts; received 21 people into churches; helped ordain 2 deacons; pastored 1 church; conducted 36 funerals. Received from church pastored \$4,160.00. Received for revival work \$637.00. Total received for year's work \$4,797.00. Traveled 18,000 miles.

Respectfully submitted

Luther Gibson

REV. W. F. CLARK

Greetings to the Northeast Mississippi association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Pearce Chapel church on the 2nd and 3rd day of October, 1958. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my year's work ending the 30th day of Sept., 1958.

I have preached 134 sermons; prayed many prayers; visited many sick; helped ordain 2 deacons; preached 2 Memorial sermons; pastored 2 churches; conducted 12 funerals. Received from churches pastored \$1,061.09. Received for revival work \$653.00. Total received for year \$1,714.09. Traveled many miles.

Respectfully submitted

W. F. Clark

REV. G. C. PRICE

Greetings to the Northeast Mississippi association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Pearce Chapel church on the 2nd and 3rd day of October, 1958. It is with true thankfulness of heart

to God that I am able to make the following report of my year's work ending the 30th day of Sept., 1958.

I have preached 164 sermons; prayed many prayers; visited many sick; baptized 4 converts; received 6 people into churches; preached 2 Commencement sermons; preached 1 Memorial sermon; pastored 4 churches; conducted 2 funerals. Received from churches pastored \$696.64. Received for revival work \$178.15. Total received for year \$874.79. Traveled 3,172 miles.

Respectfully submitted
G. C. Price

REV. WILBURN BEASLEY

Greetings to the Northeast Mississippi association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Pearce Chapel church on the 2nd and 3rd day of October, 1958. It with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my year's work ending the 30th day of Sept., 1958.

I have preached 185 sermons; prayed many prayers; received 5 people into church; pastored 1 church; conducted 6 funerals. Received from church pastored \$3,670.00. Received from revival work \$345.00. Total received for year's work \$4,015.00. Traveled 20,000 miles.

Respectfully submitted
Wilburn Beasley.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

J. Edgar Hoover avows that the Sunday School is the first line of defense against juvenile delinquency. Since this is the belief of our head of the F. B. I. we believe that it should be of the greatest concern to us as Christians.

We urge all our pastors and Christians workers that appear before congregations from Sunday to Sunday to urge them to bring their children to Sunday School, not send them or tell them to go." "A child brought up in the Sunday School is seldom brought up in court."

We recommend a 100% representation in our Sunday School Conventions. We ask that every officer and teacher in our Sunday School to make this their Motto. "To know Him and to make Him known".

Signed by the Committee
C. R. Hollis
Mrs. Hershell Stone
Mrs. Wilburn Beasley
Mrs. Troy Brown
Mrs. Earnest Ownby

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Resolve that Section 4 of constitution be changed to read five delegated representatives instead of three, and they must be elected or approved by church while in conference and bear credentials, from the same, to this body.

2. Resolved that section 7 be changed to read as follows: This constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds vote of the yearly meeting at any session, provided that intention of such change is given in writing and brought before the session one day prior to adoption.

3. Resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the pastor and host church for friendly and courteous welcome given us during this session of association.

Signed by Committee
L. E. Duncan
Mr. Elliott
Mr. Troy Brown

Adjourned till 7 p.m. for evening service from the stand.

EVENING SERVICE

The evening service was begun by the singing of hymn, "When we all get to Heaven", "Whosoever Will", "Stand up for Jesus". Prayer was offered by L. D. Gibson. Special music was rendered by the Happy Harmonettes of the East Tupelo Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Wilburn Beasley introduced the Rev. Homer Willis, Director of the Home Mission board of Nashville, Tenn., who delivered the evening message. Bro. Willis used as a Scriptural background Acts 8:4, 5; Isaiah 6; Acts 12, and brought to us an important message on the Importance of going with the message of Christ. Afterwards, he showed some slides on the work in Alaska. Closed by singing "Amazing Grace". Prayer by Bro. Homer Willis.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met by singing of Hymn "Glory to His Name", led by L. D. Gibson. Devotions were conducted by the Rev. W. O. Knight using as a Scripture Heb. 13:15. The duties of the church and the Pastor to each other.

The business session was resumed and the following was transacted. The resolution committee made their completed report. Motion was made and carried that section seven of the constitution be placed on the table for one year.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We your temperance committee make the following report, we would recommend that we abstain from all intoxicating drinks, and that we use our influence in keeping our State and counties dry. Be temperate in our ways of life and abstain from all appearance of evil, that we as professed followers of Christ go about doing good every day.

Signed Your Committee
L. D. Gibson
Mrs. Boyd Jones
Mr. W. G. Hodges

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Committee on Finance do hereby report the finance of the Association correct, and we do recommend that all of our churches support the worthy institutions that have been brought before us to the fullest extent.

Signed Your Committee
Mr. W. C. Comer
Mr. D. D. Hollis
Mrs. R. C. Pickle
Mrs. Gladys Starnes
Mr. W. L. Bevil

STASTICIAL TABLE

Churches	Value	Indebtedness	Total Offering	Pastors Salary-Exp.	Evangelist	Visit's Preach	Singer Pianist	Bldg. and Repairs	Home Missions
Amory	36,800.00		7,245.21	3,120.00	480.00	60.00	380.00	1,993.00	27.77
Antioch	5,000.00	145.00	1,297.26	854.00	100.00				
Beech Springs	15,000.00	2,500.00	6,045.37	3,705.00	100.00		50.00	812.05	66.50
Bethlehem	6,500.00	72.20	2,358.46	655.80	133.35	20.00		1,411.00	
Columbus 1st	35,000.00	1,786.00	13,037.69	3,617.28	375.17	25.00		3,652.69	159.08
Damascus	3,500.00		1,273.81	985.20	129.00			200.50	
DePriest Chapel	3,500.00		622.89	375.00		10.00		64.75	
East Tupelo	50,000.00	10,500	19,058.99	4,335.00	263.30	120.00	40.00	2,208.11	600.18
Fawn Grove	5,000.00			630.81	99.90	30.73		599.25	110.76
Fulton	5,000.00		428.19	288.00	78.00	37.00			
Lee's Chapel	6,500.00		865.31	575.28	50.00	5.00	10.00	29.54	
McGregor Chapel	10,000.00		2,417.34	1,119.70	125.00	86.25	35.00	249.58	45.00
New Gauley	10,000.00		971.22	577.75	75.00		45.65	38.88	2.15
New Life	5,000.00			324.92		10.00			
Pearce's Chapel	8,550.00		3,492.52	975.00	402.29	35.00		179.56	
Philadelphia	6,000.00		1,733.71	842.50	86.00	131.72		364.19	
Pleasant Grove	8,000.00		400.90	279.81			20.00	54.59	
Springdale	10,000.00		383.60	1,222.85	142.25				14.00
Stetson Chapel									
Union Hill	3,500.00	150.00	1,881.85	1,065.65	155.00			476.18	
White Hill	4,000.00			772.74				58.67	
Hollis Chapel	8,000.00	2,000.00	2,936.76	1,000.00	325.00		300.00		
Amory Parsonage		\$12,200.00							
Columbus Parsonage		\$ 7,500.00							
Beech Springs		\$ 5,500.00							
East Tupelo		\$ 8,500.00							

MISSIONS	Foreign Missions	Bible Colleges	S. S. and BSU Supplies	Insurance	Utilities	Ben.	Inel.	Total Expenses	Funds Sent With Letter	Received Baptism	Received Letter	Dismissed Letter	Dec'd	Total Membership
7.50	76.00	2,553.00	281.99	77.33	430.47	196.30	163.50	7,453.26	10.00	6	6	22	4	262
			43.62	29.66	161.38	50.60	18.00	1,347.26	90.00	4	1		1	144
3.50	108.13	60.00	301.89	150.00		133.00	598.00	6,035.37	10.00		4	3	1	178
			91.60		56.41	62.50		2,450.66	20.00	3		2	1	109
9.08	554.59	319.61	629.56	226.98	711.70	148.06	367.36	13,911.87	10.00	6	7			195
			30.47				81.45	1,496.62	10.00			3		92
			48.00			40.00	61.50	599.25	10.00					83
0.18	300.85	1,292.35	977.26	213.75	577.38	625.00	1,641.60	18,478.60	140.00	4	5	9	3	334
0.76	86.00	16.15	88.45	36.60	61.78			1,856.40	10.00	5		3	2	175
	125.00		29.50	8.00			78.50	533.00	10.00		2		1	51
			33.51		24.04		11.30	738.70	10.00					29
5.00	5.67	57.50	148.85	73.20	34.06		287.90	2,277.52	10.00	3	1	1		88
2.15			59.20	28.78	93.00	17.11	26.20	971.22	17.15	8			1	150
									3.00	2				88
	215.10	25.00	204.59	42.45	96.78		158.00	2,330.77	25.00	4		1		395
			46.13	16.72	29.82	50.17	131.17	1,698.40	5.00				2	57
			19.00		16.58			389.98	15.00	1	1	3		85
4.00		105.45	166.67	29.57	47.40	80.21	38.15	1,846.55	25.00	13	2	5	4	268
	9.50		90.00		30.00				7.00	4	3	7		101
	35.00		43.27		66.38	65.00	20.00	1,061.06	35.00					68
			111.12	50.68	87.65			1,874.45	10.00	3	6			74

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1957-1958

Receipts:

Cash Brought Forward	\$ 4.02
Association Funds	\$ 171.60
Children Homes	\$ 42.75
Foreign Mission	\$ 59.60
Total	\$ 277.97

Unified Program By Churches:

Antioch	\$ 72.03
Columbus 1st	\$ 954.14
Damascus	\$ 8.00
East Tupelo	1602.23
Fawn Grove	\$ 2.50
McGregor Chapel	\$ 5.00
New Gauley	\$ 8.00
Pearce's Chapel	\$ 15.00
Pleasant Grove	\$ 5.00
Springdale	\$ 15.00
Stetson Chapel	\$ 2.00
Total	\$2688.90

Total Receipts\$2966.87

Expenditures:

Association Officers	\$ 20.00
600 Minutes	\$ 101.66
National Association Fee	\$ 5.00
Mileage to National Association	\$ 54.00
Postage and Motor Freight	\$ 9.15
Morganwood Camp	\$1071.35
Free Will Baptist Bible College	\$ 805.75
National Foreign Missions	\$ 590.79
National Home Missions	\$ 30.05
Children's Homes	\$ 217.42
Total Expenditures	\$2965.00
Balance in Treasury September 30, 1958	\$ 1.87

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We your Credential Committee recommend that all ordained Ministers of our Association be given Ministers cards for the coming year showing that they are in good standing with the Association with the exception of Rev. Flenoy Clark. We recommend that Bro. Clark be given a card stating that he is on Probation for the coming year because of his Doctrinal stand on the Baptism of the Holy Ghost as a second work of Grace. We further recommend that Bro. Clark be instructed by this action that if he continues to preach and teach this interpretation of the above mentioned doctrine his credentials will be revoked.

Signed Your Committee
Rev. Wilburn Beasley
Rev. M. H. Hollis
Rev. Earnest Ownby

LEAGUE COMMITTEE REPORT

We your League Committee make our report. We urge that all Leagues who are active take part in Rally Day. We request each Pastor to stress the attendance of their Leagues and that each church member support their League. We find 13 churches with Leagues which is two more than was given in the last report.

Signed Your Committee

Mrs. L. E. Duncan

Mrs. Gruiy Brown

Mrs. Opal Stembridge

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Obituary committee make our report as follows, we find that there has been a visitation of the grim reaper in our midst since our last association and took away 19 of our loved ones for whom we mourn. Loved ones from the following churches:

New Gauley, Mrs. Mary Sims Fulton, Mrs. Mennie Tavlör; Antioch, Mrs. Jettie Inmon; Philadelphia, Mrs. J. M. Smith, Mr. J. A. Russell; East Tupelo, G. A. Cook, Wiley Green, Arch Brown; Spring Dale, Susie Starnes, Della Starnes, Charles York, Moses Starnes; Amory, J. A. Burks, Kelly Duncan, Mrs. R. J. Rye, Rovland Young; Beech Springs, Mrs. George Hill; Bethlehem, Mrs. Rebecca Vaughn.

Signed Your Committee

Motion made and carried that Moderator and Clerk, and host Pastor arrange the program for the Association for coming year.

Motion made and carried that we adopt the Executive Committee report for discussion concerning the organization of a State Association.

Motion made and carried that the formalation of a State Association be tabled until Executive Committee deemed wise to bring back before the Association.

Motion made and carried that the examination of candidate for the ministry be tabled for one year, and that a copy of examination be placed into the hands of those seeking ordination.

Bro. M. L. Hollis presented a plan to the Association in the interest of building a church in cities where there is no church. Motion made and carried that we the undersigned are to pay the amount oposite our names to be used for the establishment of New Churches in the bounds of the Northeast Miss., Association, this amount to be paid upon call from the Home Mission Board, and that M. L. Hollis be given the right of printing pledge cards to be sent to churches.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION 1959

The following persons were appointed to the National Association which convens next July. Mrs. L. D. Gibson, Mrs. Wilburn Beasley, Mrs. L. E. Duncan, Mrs. Hopson Walden, and Mrs. Boyd Jones.

REPRESENTATION TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Rev. Paul Kettelman, M. H. Hollis, Wilburn Beasley, Rev. M. L. Hollis to the Vernon Association. Mr. D. D. Hollis, Rev. M. H. Hollis to the Mt. Moriah Association. Rev. Wilburn Beasley, Alabama State Association.

BUSINESS SESSION

Nominations were made for officers and the following were elected: Bro. Beasley was elected to the Executive Committee for a three year period. Bro. Oliver Haas was elected to the Home Mission Board for a five year period. Bro. Knight was elected as Moderator, Paul Kettelman as Assistant Moderator. L. D. Gibson, Clerk, M. H. Hollis as Assistant. W. C. Comer was elected as the Treasurer to the Association. Next session will convene with the Springdale Free Will Baptist church in 1959.

Motion was made and carried that Association stand adjourned until the next session of the Association. Prayer led by Paul Kettelman.

The morning worship was conducted by the Rev. L. D. Gibson. Using as a Scripture I Cor. 5. "What we must preach to win the Lost". After the morning service a very delicious meal which was enjoyed by every one. All went home.

DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	CLERKS	ADDRESS
Amory	Mrs. J. C. Duncan	Amory, Route 2.
Antioch	Mrs. Lynn Hodges	Toccopola, Miss.
Beech Springs	Mrs. W. C. Bowles	Saltillo, Miss. Rt. 2.
Bethlehem	M. M. Ramsey	Pontotoc, Miss.
Columbus	Miss Margaret Gasten	1210 Shady St., Columbus
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CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the

ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able to promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CONSTITUTION

Section 1.—This organization shall be known as the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist and shall be composed of ministers, deacons, clerks, and delegates of the various churches of this Association.

Section 2.—The purpose of the Association shall be to bring together our churches throughout North Mississippi for a closer union among our people and the establishment of new churches in our state.

Section 3.—This Association shall be composed of Churches of the above named territory together with like bodies of same Faith and Practice which may be hereafter admitted.

Section 4.—Each church shall be allowed five delegated representatives and they must be duly appointed by their church while in conference and bear credentials from the same to this body.

Section 5.—Visiting ministers and delegates may be seated as advisory members of this body.

Section 6.—It shall not be the purpose of this Association to usurp authority over the churches but to recommend such measures as would promote unity of action among the churches, to harmonize the efforts of individual churches to one another in their efforts to accomplish good, and make each other more proficient in their undertaking for good.

Section 7.—This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the yearly meeting at any session, notice of such intended alterations having been given in writing and recorded at the next previous session.

Section 8.—There shall be an ordaining council, elected by the Association, to inquire into, and examine each applicant for ordination to preach the Gospel of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and make recommendations to the Association for the ordination of said applicant. This council shall be composed of three ministers, and two laymen.

RULES OF DECORUM

Section 1.—The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be elected at the close of each session by a majority of the delegates present.

Section 2.—This Association shall hold its session annually beginning on Thursday and continue through Friday before the first Sunday in October.

Section 3.—The Moderator shall have the right to appoint all committees.

Section 4.—The Clerk shall have the right to supervise the printing of the minutes and shall be allowed \$10.00 for his services; Treasurer \$5.00; and Moderator, \$5.00, for their services.

Section 5.—No member shall be absent from the body without leave of the Moderator.

Section 6.—All members desiring to speak shall arise, address the Moderator, and personal reflection shall be avoided.

Section 7.—All motions made and seconded shall be open for discussion, but debate may be shut off any time by a majority of the members of the Association.

Section 8.—If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.

Section 9.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

Section 10.—No one shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject, and not more than ten minutes at a time; without special leave from the body.

Section 11.—All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1.—THE BIBLE—The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God and our infallible Rule of Faith and Practice. I Cor. 1:21; Matt. 28:19-20. Rom. 1:16.

Article 2.—GOD—There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe and in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are to supremely love, adore, and obey. I Cor. 8:6; Isa. 40:28.

Article 3.—CHRIST—Is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Saviour and Lord. I Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 2:9; St. John 3:16.

Article 4.—THE HOLY SPIRIT—The Scripture assigns to the Holy Spirit all attributes of God. He is the reprover, comforter, guide and sanctifier of men. St. John 16:7-8; Acts 2:45; Eph. 2:1.

Article 5.—THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD—God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and the laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires. Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; I Tim. 2:4.

Article 6.—THE SINFULNESS OF MAN—Man was created innocent but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God. Gen. 2:17; Gen. 3:19.

Article 7.—THE WORK OF CHRIST—The Son of God by His incarnation, life, suffering, death and resurrection affected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith. Acts 3:19; Matt. 28:19-20; Eph. 2:5-10.

Article 8.—THE TERMS OF SALVATION—The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to live and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the domination of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death. Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30; Rom. 10:10.

Article 9.—ELECTION—God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the condition of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect. Matt. 28:20; I Cor. 1:21; Matt. 25:31-46.

Article 10.—FREEDOM OF THE WILL—The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit, or to resist them and perish. Tit. 2nd chapt.; Rev. 2:10-15.

Article 11.—SALVATION FREE—God desires salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will come and take the water of life freely. Gal. 1:13-14; Rev. 22:17.

Article 12.—PRESERVANCE — All believers in Christ, who through grace preservance in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation. Rom. 5:21.

Article 13.—GOSPEL ORDINANCES—Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Feet washing, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers. Acts 8 Chapt.; I Tim. 5:10; Luke 22:49.

Article 14.—TITHING—God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23-23), and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him."

Article 15.—THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH—The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy work, and activities and for personal communication with God. Deut. 5:12-14; Heb. 4:4.

Article 16.—RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION—The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done ill unto the resurrection of damnation, then the wicked will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life. Jno. 5:28-29; II Cor. 5:10; I Cor. 15:23.

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